

The 2018 Global Password Security Report

Leveraging the Password Benchmark to understand password hygiene in businesses around the world.

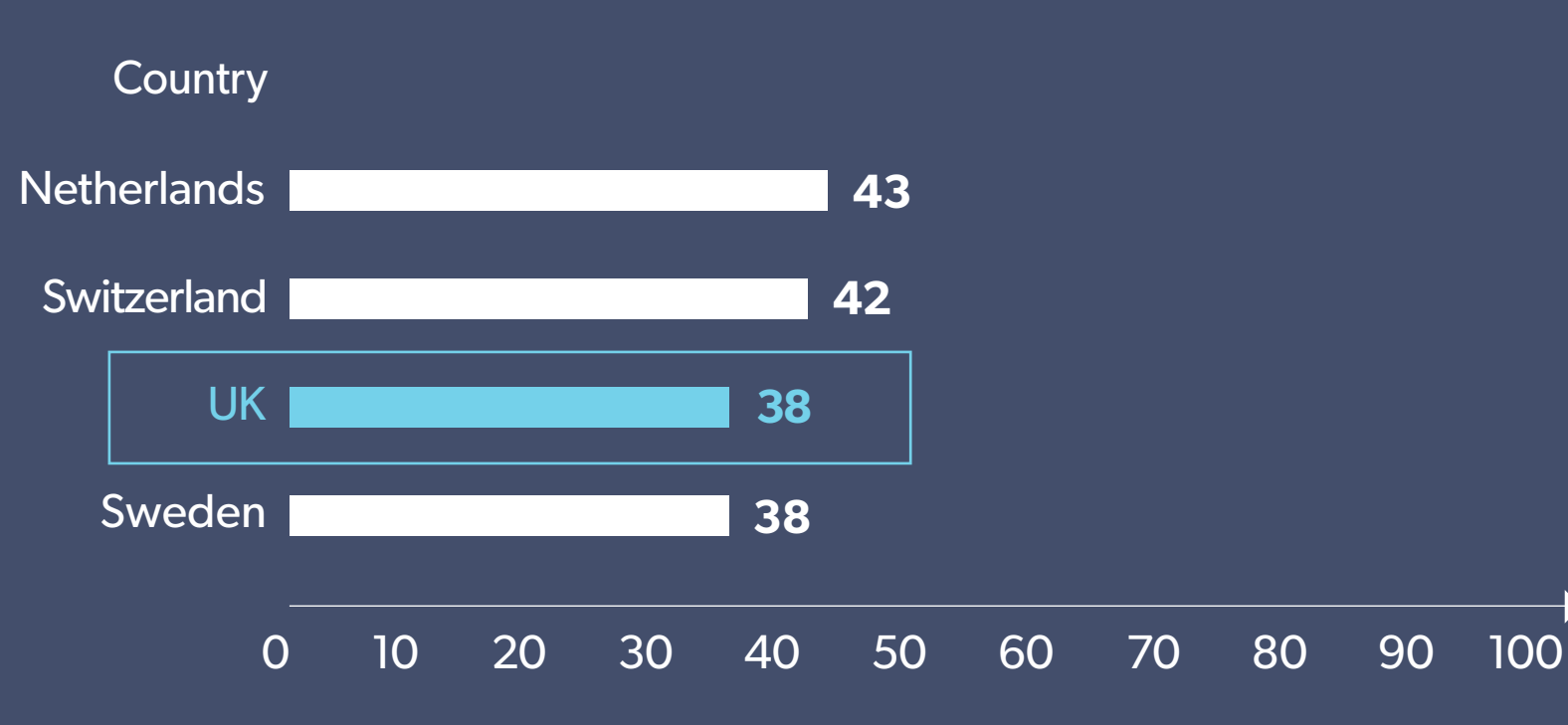
Companies have made strides in password security, but there is still work to be done.

We analysed password behaviour in more than 43,000 companies of varying sizes, industries and locations. We determined that:

52 is the **Average Security Score.**

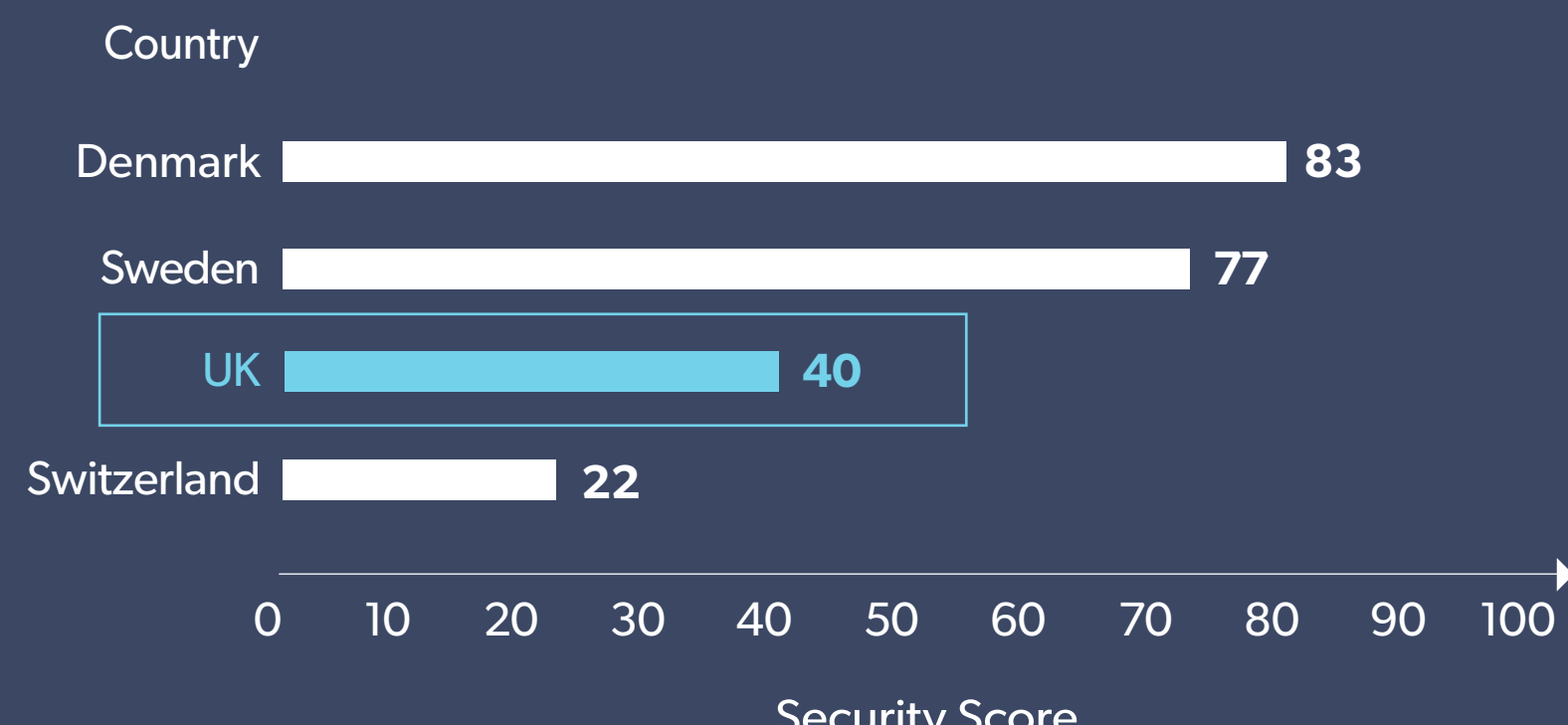
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The Finance/Banking sector in the UK is playing catch up behind the Netherlands and Switzerland.



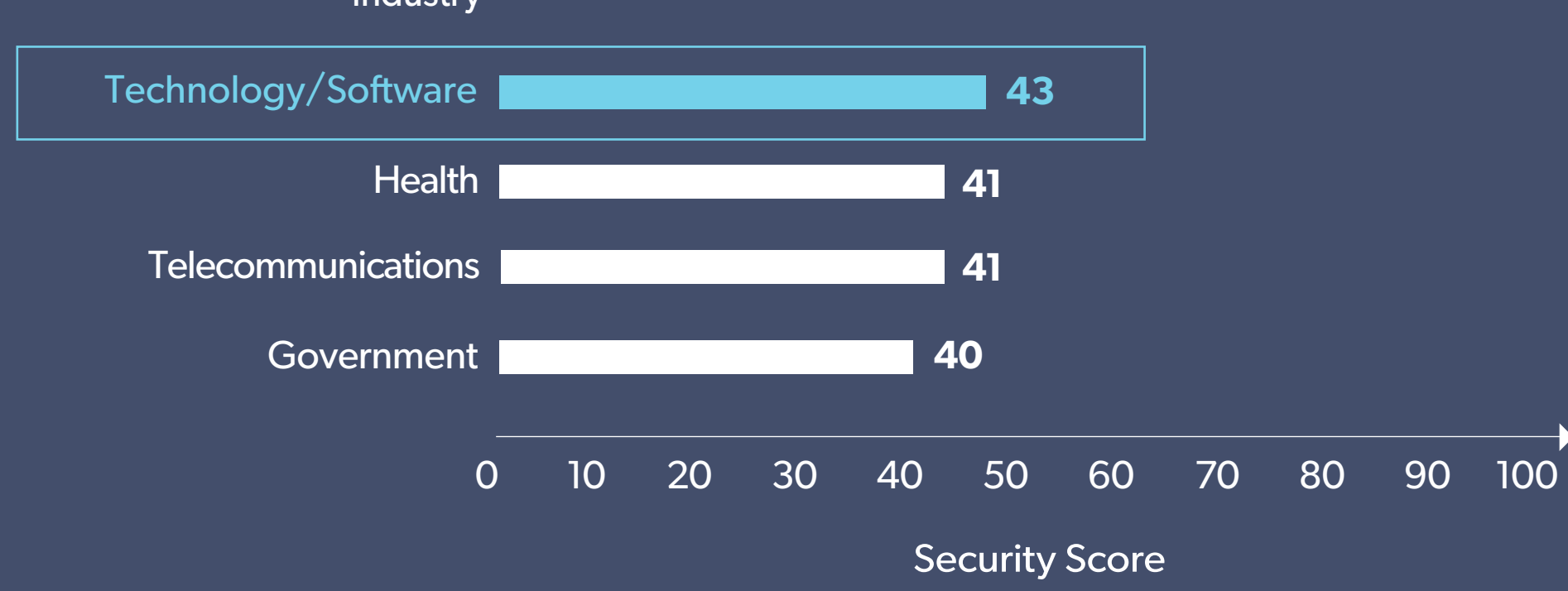
UK Government has room to improve.

The gap between Switzerland and Denmark shows the range of score, unfortunately we're closer to the lower end of the scale.



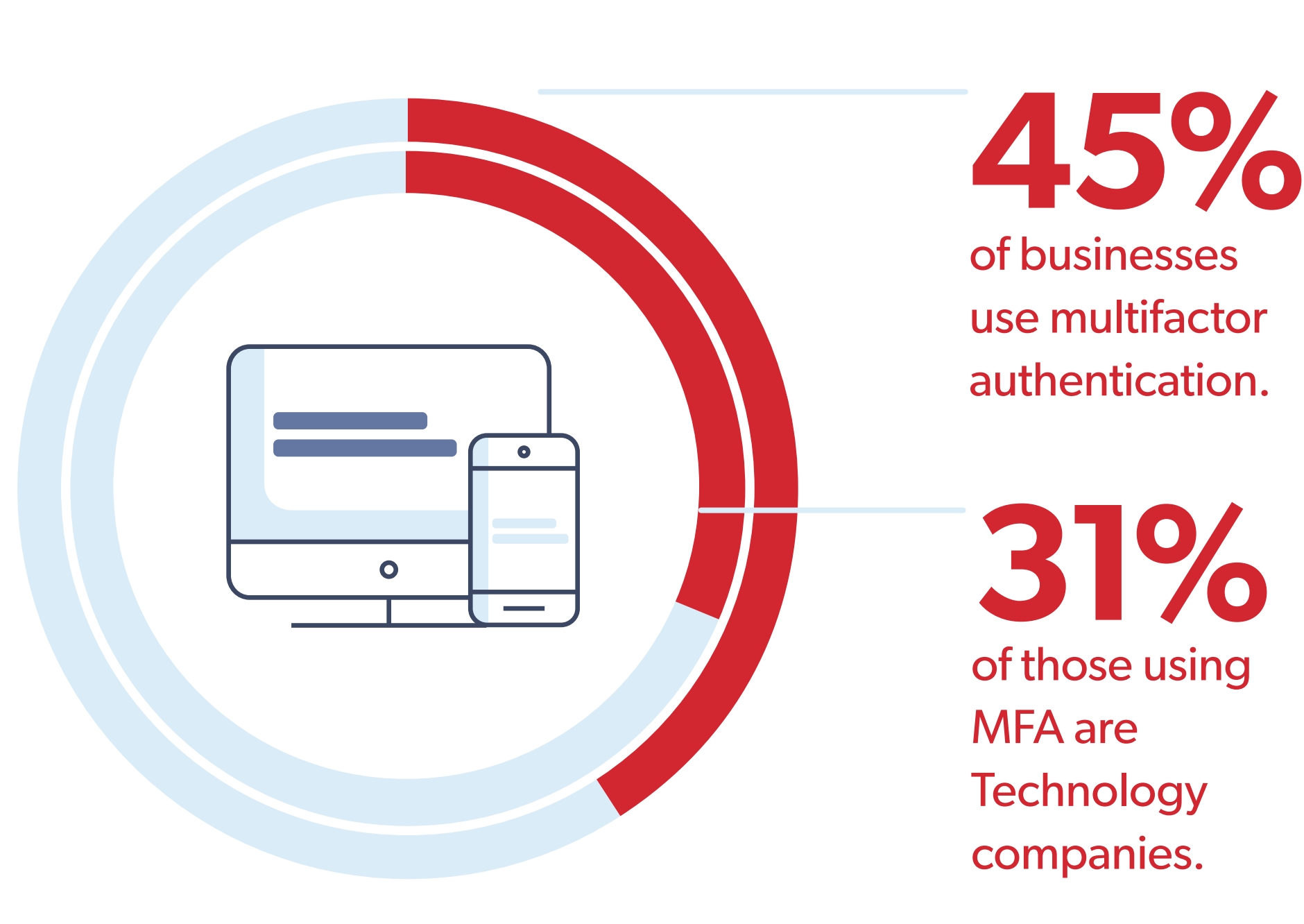
In the UK market, its very tight at the top!

Its not surprising that the tech sector is top, yet well below the benchmark. A focus on password hygiene in 2019 could shake up the leader board.



MFA is gaining in popularity.

As concerns about password security grow, multifactor authentication is an increasingly favoured way to protect an organisation.

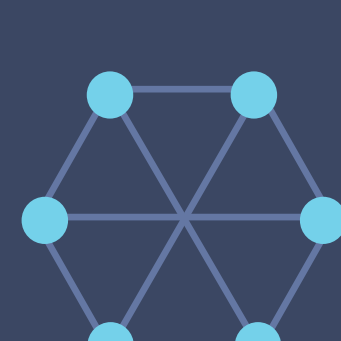


Technology is a leader of multifactor authentication.

Whether it's a greater awareness of available options or a stronger culture of security, organisations in the Technology sector are prioritising extra protection.

Password sharing remains a reality.

Whether or not IT teams know it, sharing passwords is an everyday reality for employees.



6 passwords are shared by the average employee.

And mixing passwords remains a reality, too.

It's generally good advice to avoid mixing business and pleasure, but it seems we're not very good at keeping work and personal passwords separate.



43% of the top domains used in the workplace are popular consumer apps.

The good news: investing in password management leads to big gains.

When businesses act to improve password security, scores rise significantly in the first year of use.



Companies gain 15 Security Score points in the first year of using a password manager, on average.

Multifactor authentication and investing in a password manager like LastPass will help remove obstacles, improve your security score and most importantly, keep your company safe.

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Learn more about the Password Benchmark and how to use it to improve your organisation's password security: lastpass.com/state-of-the-password